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Chairman Michael Powell  
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RE: **WC Docket No. 03-133**

Dear Chairman Powell;

AT&T has evaded intrastate access charges through a pre-paid calling card service, exploiting a drastic loophole and costing the universal fund millions of dollars. This cannot continue. The blatant misuse of power damages the telecom industry as a whole and compromises the integrity of universal service fund.

AT&T has created a hollow service on its pre-paid calling cards that enables them to avoid paying what they owe. This hollow service is just a pre-recorded message providing no value, and by so doing, they are free from paying into the universal service fund by labeling this an "enhanced service". This has been adding up to more than 100 million dollars, which could be used to build up networks and advance communication technologies throughout our nation.

The deployment of advanced communications is something that can service all Americans. The FCC must be able to assure consumers that AT&T cannot create loopholes just for their company, and that one company is not exempt from paying into the network it relies upon. It's the FCC's responsibility to end this injustice and quit giving special treatment to AT&T.

Thank you,



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Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Commissioners:

I have read recently that AT&T has been unfairly avoiding contributions to the critical Universal Service Fund by claiming their calling card calls are not a phone call because they play advertisements to the customer before the call is connected.

That a phone call would not be a phone call just because an advertisement is played during the call connection is ludicrous.

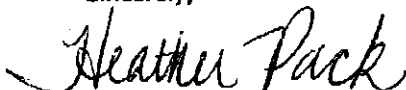
AT&T has admitted it did not pay \$160 million in contributions to the Universal Service Fund and also did not pay companies \$215 million in access charges government regulations require for line access.

As someone who uses the telephone for my job raising funds for a non-profit foundation, I know that a phone call is a phone call.

AT&T's actions are unfair and they should be required to not only make the required Universal Service Fund contribution on all future calling card calls, but they should be required to make retroactive payments to the USF to make up for the contributions they have been avoiding.

The payments that have been avoiding would go to help low-income families afford telephone service and help connect rural hospitals and schools to the Internet. Please make this right.

Sincerely,



Heather Pack  
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Cc: Senator Harry Reid

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RE: WC DOCKET NO. 03-133

DEAR CHAIRMAN POWELL,

AT&T HAS ONCE AGAIN TIPTOED AROUND THE RULES AND EXPLOITED THE FCC'S RULES GOVERNING THE TELECOM COMMUNITY. THIS TIME, THEY ARE LABELING A PRE-RECORDED ADVERTISEMENT ON ITS CALLING CARDS AN "ENHANCED SERVICE". UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NOTHING "ENHANCED" ABOUT THIS SERVICE. IT IS JUST A WAY TO GET AROUND WHAT AT&T RIGHTFULLY OWES TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND, THE FUND THAT SUPPORTS THE ENTIRE TELECOM INDUSTRY. THIS IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF A COMPANY NOT PLAYING FAIR.

AT&T HAS AVOIDED PAYMENT ON UPWARDS OF \$160 MILLION IN UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS. THAT IS MONEY THAT GOES TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY, MAKING TODAY'S TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE TO ALL COMMUNITIES. AT&T HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY AND CONSCIOUSLY TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AND INTO THEIR POCKETS.

THE FCC STEPPED IN EARLIER IN 2004 WHEN AT&T AVOIDED PAYING FOR ITS LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, SO THIS ISN'T NEW TERRITORY FOR EITHER AT&T OR THE FCC. WHEN IT COMES TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND, IT TAKES ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES TO MAKE IT WORK, AND WHEN ONE COMPANY CHEATS THE SYSTEM, IT SETS UP A PRECARIOUS PRECEDENT.

PLEASE STEP IN AND STOP AT&T FROM THE FRAUD IT'S PERPETRATING. THE FCC HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE FUND OF WHICH TELECOM COMPANIES NEED TO GROW.

SINCERELY,



NATHAN SPROUL

CC: COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY,  
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Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to urge you and the Federal Communications Commission to take a firm stand concerning the roughly \$340-million in payments AT&T has withheld in intrastate connection fees and the \$160-million in payments to the universal services fund.

I find it very troublesome that with all of the money companies like AT&T spend on attorneys, they were unaware that simply adding a self-promoting commercial to pre-paid phone cards would indeed absolve them from paying these federally mandated fees. Even if they were unaware, it seems apparent that they made no attempts to find out if they were indeed exempt before withholding a half-billion dollars in fees their competition had been paying. Nevertheless ignorance of the law has never been a viable defense. Now that they are aware Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska is saying that AT&T, "launched a disinformation campaign on the Universal Services program." Stevens reminded the public that the USF helps fund the high costs of telephone delivery to rural Americans and funds internet services in schools, libraries and health facilities across the country.

For the reasons listed above I again ask this commission to be fair, but also firm and just in dealing with this issue. Send a clear message that to enjoy the rewards of a free-market economy you must be willing to adhere to the rules and laws that provide a level playing field in the marketplace. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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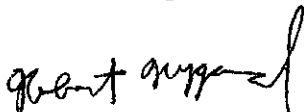
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Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Mr. Chairman:

It is fairly apparent that our nation will be looking at a complete over-haul of our telecommunications laws in this country. And while this is a much needed and noble undertaking for it to be effective, one must be certain that the new laws will be adhered too. The best way to do this is to ensure that current laws are enforced and followed.

Currently AT&T is asking the commission to look the other way when it comes to nearly a half-billion dollars in intrastate access fees and universal services fund payment owed as a result of their sale of pre-paid telecommunication phone cards. AT&T would like the commission to believe that their placement of a self-serving computer generated commercial into the prompts of their card, allows them an exemption from the 10-percent intrastate connection fee, because the card is now "enhanced". What this argument lacks in logic, AT&T tries to gain back in emotion, by claiming that forcing them to adhere to the law would be a detriment to our fighting men and women serving overseas in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) addressed this argument in a letter reported in "The Hill" last week.

"We strongly support keeping the costs low for our overseas military personnel [but] we also believe that companies should not be able to dismiss federal rules to gain unfair advantages over potential competitors," said Rogers. "Relief should be carried out through legitimate rulemaking or a waiver by the commission that is available to all carriers."

AT&T wants the commission to overlook the fact that they never sought an exemption from paying these fees or whether their interpretation of "enhancement" was consistent with the commission's rules for the same. These actions by AT&T were not done out of concern for our troops, these actions were done strictly as a way of bolstering the bottom-line. That is why AT&T never sought FCC authorization prior to withholding these payments. This is why AT&T is already arguing that if the commission does rule against them that they only do so prospectively. To maintain the integrity of law the FCC must hold AT&T responsible for their actions both prospectively and retroactively. Anything less calls into question the effectiveness of the government to regulate a fair and complete marketplace, which would be the true detriment to our troops abroad and the general public at home.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Loescher, Chairman  
Legislative Affairs Committee

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RE: WC Docket No. 03-133

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The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has the distinction of being the "second poorest" County in the United States. The un-employment rate hovers around 80% and I have dedicated my administration to build an economy on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Until this enormous task is completed, we will continue to suffer injustices of Commission, Congressional and Senate rulings, the poor people will be affected and continue to pay the costs associated by passage of this proposal.

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Sincerely,

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VIA FACSIMILE

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The Honorable Michael Copps  
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The Honorable Kevin Martin  
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Commissioners:

It recently came to my attention that AT&T has been unfairly avoiding contributions to the critical Universal Service Fund by claiming their calling card calls are not a phone call because they play advertisements to the customer before the call is connected. It does not appear accurate that a phone call would not be a phone call just because an advertisement is played during the call connection.

AT&T has admitted it did not pay \$160 million in contributions to the Universal Service Fund and also did not pay companies \$215 million in access charges government regulations require for line access.

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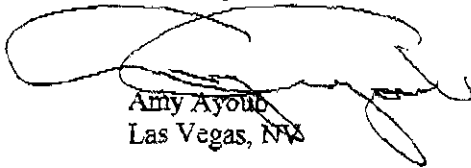
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As a small businessperson in Las Vegas who makes her living on the telephone, I know what a phone call is and I know what is fair.

AT&T's actions are unfair and they should be required to not only make the required Universal Service Fund contribution on all future calling card calls, but they should be required to make retroactive payments to the USF to make up for the contributions they have been avoiding.

Sincerely,



Amy Ayoub  
Las Vegas, NV

cc: Senator Reid

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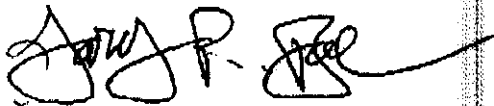
Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing this letter to you Mr. Powell to express my disappointment in the Federal Communications Commission. I just learned of the scam that AT&T has used for some time now to take money away from the Universal Service Fund, a fund whose goal is to support, increase, and expand telecommunications service throughout the country. For AT&T not to willingly support this is appalling.

AT&T uses loopholes to avoid paying the fees it owes, by creating "enhanced services" on it's pre-paid calling cards, even though the service is nothing but an advertisement. We are not talking thousands of dollars here either - we're talking millions, hundreds of millions being siphoned away from the USF and into AT&T's bank account.

As you know, AT&T has done something like this before. They have defied the FCC and its rules, and pushed the envelope of a free and competitive market. As in the past, your intervention in this matter is needed, because AT&T shouldn't be able to keep avoiding paying for the local networks it relies on. The FCC needs to protect the Universal Service Fund.

Sincerely,



Gary Bae

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Cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy; Commissioner Michael J. Copps; Commissioner Kevin J. Martin; Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein



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RE: WC Docket No. 03-133  
Via Facsimile

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

On behalf of the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin I wish to express our concern with the FCC's proposal that would allow new charges and fees to be imposed on pre-paid calling card services. This proposal would raise the cost of pre-paid calling cards by as much as 20% on millions of people who rely on this needed low-cost phone service. We urge the Commission to reject this misguided proposal as it will have a disproportionate and negative effect on tribal communities across the nation.

The FCPC tribal government is located in Crandon, Wisconsin with gaming operations in Milwaukee and Carter. Our tribal members are living in a number of Wisconsin communities and in other States. Inexpensive telephone communication is very important particularly for the many tribal members who live in rural Wisconsin. Traditional phone service can be very expensive and in some cases is unavailable.

Native Americans are among the largest users of pre-paid calling cards as they offer a reliable and inexpensive means of keeping in touch with family and friends. By raising the cost of pre-paid calling cards, the FCC would leave many Potawatomi and other Native Americans literally disconnected from the rest of the country.

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